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Sent: 5/15/2020 11:35:42 PM
To: Richard, Ann [Richard.Ann@epa.gov]
CC: Williams, Antony [Williams.Antony@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Sanity check

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2020, at 6:57 PM, Richard, Ann <Richard.Ann@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Grace,

I've not heard any more from the OPPT group, but it seems that they want to expand our PFASSTRUC definition for their particular use case (to flag anything coming in for POSSIBLE consideration as PFAS), I think

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I'm not sure where the dust might have settled on this one (Tony might be best to ask) but I don't think it will change our approach.

Thanks - that's reassuring for sure.

In a related matter, the below was a comment just submitted to the Dashboard to which I drafted response that followed – just goes to show, you can't please everyone. (The person should have started off thanking us before pissing me off.)

chem_name:1,1-Difluoroethane

email:brpe461@ecy.wa.gov

DTXSID-URL:<http://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/dsstoxdb/results?search=DTXSID0024050>

desc:

This is not PFAS, but it is on the PFASMASTER list.

This may derive from the PFASTRIER list. You should add a note that the PFASMASTER list has not been curated to a common definition of PFAS. Users may get the idea that the PFASMASTER list is an accepted standard for identifying PFAS compounds. It is not.

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What a diplomatic reply. Agreed that sort of comment just raises one's hackles. Yeah show us what you have done before nit picking on what's we have put up on the Dashboard as a free service to the global community.

I also realize I probably need to respond to the OECD workgroup on their PFAS Fact cards. I'm losing steam and interest in putting energy into this. I just don't think t

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I think I did promise them something, however, related to Markush's - we've now registered all of their Markush in their Fact Cards, but these won't go public anytime soon since Dashboard updates are so delayed, so not sure what to tell them to do with the info.

Looks like I'll be spending the weekend manually updating ChemInv and PFAS lists for Kathy, Annette, etc. This is the sort of exercise that drains the life-spirit out of me and makes me think of retirement as a release from mind-numbing torture. (Sorry, I get to be Eeyore now and then ☹).

Is there any thing I can do to help to minimize the manual aspect? These days I prefer to find a way to automate the boring as those sorts of manual tasks do suck the life out of you. Speaking of which Annette has scheduled something in my calendar re PFAS chemicals and what we should be selecting like I would know . I suspect it relates more to the overlap of chemicals we have in the PFAS set with in vivo data...I.e not many.

In any case, glad to hear your meeting with Rusty went well and he's somewhat placated. I've not heard any more news about Richard (he had a bike accident, in case you hadn't heard, Tony, will recover but we don't know any more at this point) – I do hope he's ok and won't be out of commission for long. But if he is, the PFAS work will be impacted, for sure. Hope everyone realizes that.

All I heard was that he was due to have some surgery at least according to Rusty but John C who was on the call didn't have any further updates. I hope we will hear more next week.

I agree that the ELMS training made this week seem extra-long. Hope you have a great weekend, as well, with good long walks early-in-the-day before the heat sets in.

Cheers,
Ann

PS I told Dieter what you said about croquet being a rather posh hoity toity game for the private school and country club lot (or something to that effect). That may be the case in the UK, but Dieter wanted me to tell you he played it while growing up poor as dirt in a trailer park in SC. And I played it as a kid in our backyard, as well, very far from the posh crowd, for sure. I think it might have less cache in the US. In any case, Dieter, Melina and I have enjoyed playing it in the evening in our back field for the past several days – easy to play and lots of fun, actually.

I am glad you are having a lot of fun playing posh croquet...just something I never experienced in the UK....because I did not grow up in that social strata. Not ashamed of my roots but does sound like I missed out

on a fun sport. It's something I would play given the opportunity at least based on your description. Perhaps in the distant future you can teach Shaun and I.

TTFN ...will catch up next week.

Grace

From: Patlewicz, Grace <Patlewicz.Grace@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 6:05 PM
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I missed the last discussion with OPPT etc re PFAS definitions...I assume our working definition for what constitutes a PFAS which we have defined on the Dashboard and spelt out to denote PFASSTRUCT remains unchanged?

Had my update session with Rusty..managed to come out OK from the discussion (Yay!)..was quite a productive discussion overall so he seemed somewhat placated by the fact that we had been making progress 😊 Of all the things I thought were cut and dried - the PFAS structural definition was one that threw me - I thought that was settled - just wanted to double check..since he made reference to 'recent discussions Tony had been having'..and it made me think of the Program Offices discussions regarding how to define PFAS for the Federal Register and I wondered whether anything had changed that I had lost track of.

Thanks much

Have a great weekend...catch up next week

TFIF...it's felt like an extra long week what with ELMS stuff...

Cheers

Grace